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TO: Milk-Only School Administrators  
Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) Administrators

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director, School Nutrition Programs

SUBJECT: School Wellness Policy Requirement

As you know, schools and RCCIs participating in the School Nutrition Programs are required to implement a school wellness policy by the beginning of school year 2006-07. Milk-Only Program schools and RCCIs are not exempt from this requirement, but tools are available to make implementing a wellness policy not only simple, but beneficial.

Please visit the School Wellness Web page ([www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/wellness.html](http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/wellness.html)) developed by this office to download free, simple, model policies. **These policies can be adopted by the school or RCCI "as-is," or modified to better fit your needs.** Model policies are available for regular schools, small schools/RCCIs with kitchen facilities and small schools/RCCIs without kitchen facilities. It is the goal of the wellness policy to make beneficial changes and/or highlight what your school/RCCI is already doing to promote wellness in your students.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Kim Pullman, School Nutrition Programs Specialist, at (406) 444-3532 or [kpullman@mt.gov](mailto:kpullman@mt.gov).